

# RELOCATION EXPENSES TEST PROGRAMS EXTENSION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 528, S. 2146.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2146) to extend relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 2146) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2146

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF RELOCATION EXPENSES TEST PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5739 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “for a period not to exceed 24 months”; and

(2) in subsection (e), by striking “7 years” and inserting “11 years”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as though enacted as part of the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-264; 112 Stat. 2350).

## UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1566

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, with the concurrence of the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 191, S. 1566. I further ask that the Chambliss amendment at the desk be agreed to, and that the only other amendments in order be the following four amendments, the text of which is at the desk, with no second-degree amendments in order: a Smith-Stevens amendment on petroleum prices, 1 hour equally divided; a Cantwell amendment on petroleum prices, 1 hour equally divided; a Feinstein amendment on electronic energy transactions, 4 hours equally divided, with 30 minutes of the minority's time under the control of Senator LEVIN; a Conrad amendment on CFTCs authority, 1 hour equally divided.

I further ask that, in addition to the time specified on the amendments, there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided on the bill, and that following the use or the yielding back of time, the bill, as amended, be read the third time.

I further ask that the Senate then proceed to Calendar No. 358, H.R. 4473, the House companion, and that all after the enacting clause be stricken

and the text of S. 1566, as amended, be inserted thereof, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage, and S. 1566, as amended, be returned to the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## REDESIGNATING THE MASON NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the EPW Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3682, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3682) to redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3682) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

## ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 2. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 5631, the Department of Defense appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today, we overwhelmingly passed a very important bill that will affect the lives of all consumers, which is everybody in this country in the future. The gulf coast energy security bill was passed overwhelmingly today with a vote of 71 to 25.

We just passed this bill an hour and a half ago or so. At that point, we thanked our various colleagues. But in conversations after that among my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, we all remarked that this is the way legislation should be passed: bipartisan, working together, a lot of hard

work on the floor, a lot of preparatory work, involvement of staff soliciting a lot of input as we go through careful deliberation and passage of a bill that will be to the benefit of every American.

It is a great victory for the American people. Our colleagues were recognized earlier. Most people pointed, first and foremost, and appropriately, to Senator DOMENICI who stayed focused on the bill, who led the bill that was passed last year, now 54, 53 weeks ago, a bill that has transformed the framework through which we review advances in energy and energy policy, and this bill being the next major step in addressing supply and production of American homegrown energy. We thank Senator DOMENICI for his leadership on both those bills.

This evening, the Senate turned to the Department of Defense appropriations bill. I appreciate Chairman STEVENS and the ranking member, Senator INOUE, for very rapidly turning to that bill and beginning debate with their opening statements and beginning on the amendment process which should start tomorrow morning.

Tomorrow we will resume consideration of this appropriations bill. It is my hope that we can complete this legislation before we leave for the August recess. I say that after having talked with a number of our military leaders over the last several weeks and the Secretary of Defense today who stressed how important it is to get these appropriated funds flowing for the support of our troops overseas and at home and the infrastructure that supports them, especially in this time of war.

We have a lot to do over the course of the week. So late nights are possible each night. I laid out the schedule early this morning. I mentioned the importance of this bill which links three bills together—the death tax, the tax extenders, and the minimum wage—on Friday morning. Late nights are possible—in fact, likely—as we continue on the Department of Defense bill tomorrow and on Thursday night as well, and then the pension bill we absolutely must address before we leave before the recess.

I thank the Democratic leader, in particular, for understanding and working with our leadership in scheduling and being able to proceed with the Nation's business in a very short period of time because the American people deserve it. He understands that; their leadership understands it. Even though we don't agree on all the legislation that is coming before us, the ability to move and to move effectively and efficiently is something I really appreciate as we come into these last 5 or 6 days in the Senate.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the